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FOR THE SECRETARY AND SAUNDERS FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: FAHMY ON CAMP DAVID SUMMIT

1. BEFORE LEAVING ALEXANDRIA, I DELIVERED MRS. VANCE'S
NOTE TO MRS. FAHMY. ISMAIL WAS THERE AND WE HAD A LONG
CHAT. I CONVEYED ORALLY SECRETARY'S WARM REGARDS AND
REGRET THAT HE AND ISMAIL WERE UNABLE TO MEET. FAHMY
EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND ASKED THAT HIS GOOD WISHES BE
PASSED TO THE SECRETARY.

2. AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE, ISMAIL WAS VERY CURIOUS TO KNOW
ABOUT WHAT HAD PROMPTED THE INVITATION FOR THE CAMP DAVID
MEETING AND WHAT WE HOPE WILL COME OUT OF IT. I TOLD HIM
IN VERY GENERAL TERMS OUR RATIONALE ON WHY SUCH A MEET-
ING IS DESIRABLE. ASKED WHAT "FULL PARTNER" MEANT, I
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REMINDED HIM THAT HE AS MUCH AS ANYONE WAS AWARE OF THE
NATURE OF OUR ROLE FROM 1973 ON AND OF EVERYTHING WE HAD
TRIED TO DO TO MOVE THE PROCESS FORWARD. I POINTED OUT
THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS NOW ENGAGED HIS PERSONAL
PRESTIGE IN INVITING SADAT AND BEGIN TO CAMP DAVID AND
SAID I WAS SURE THAT HE, ISMAIL, WOULD AGREE THAT THIS
WAS A MAJOR STEP. NOTHING COULD SHOW MORE GRAPHICALLY

THE OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION ATTACHES TO BREAKING THE PRESENT STALEMATE.

3. FAHMY THOUGHT THE IDEA OF TRIPARTITE SUMMIT MEETING IS A GOOD THING, PROVIDED IT IS HANDLED RIGHT. IN HIS VIEW, SADAT SHOULD NOT BE ASKED TO MAKE ANY MORE CONCESSIONS. THE PRESIDENT, ISMAIL CLAIMED, HAS ALREADY LOST CONSIDERABLE CREDIBILITY AT HOME AND ABROAD BECAUSE OF THE STALLED PEACE PROCESS AND HIS EARLIER COMMITMENTS TO BEGIN FOR WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED NO COMMENSURATE RETURN. WHAT SADAT NEEDS, ISMAIL ARGUED, IS STRENGTHENING HIS CREDIBILITY. HE HAS PLACED ALL OF HIS EGGS IN THE AMERICAN BASKET, HIS DOING SO IS BEING LOOKED UPON WITH INCREASING SKEPTICISM AT HOME AND IN ARAB WORLD, AND ONLY THE USG CAN HELP HIM REGAIN CREDIBILITY BY PRESSING THE ISRAELIS FOR A SETTLEMENT WHICH SADAT CAN DEFEND BEFORE THE EGYPTIAN AND THE ARAB PEOPLE. FAHMY SAW IT AS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE PALESTINIANS BE SATISFIED AND URGED THAT THEY BE GRANTED SELF-DETERMINATION. HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO THE LINKAGE OF A PALESTINIAN ENTITY WITH JORDAN, BUT INSISTED THIS HAS TO COME FROM THE PALESTINIANS THEMSELVES. NEITHER JORDAN, ISRAEL, EGYPT OR ANYONE CAN FORCE IT UPON THE PALESTINIANS.

4. FAHMY HOPED THAT OUT OF THE UPCOMING CAMP DAVID SUMMIT A NEW SET OF NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT DEVELOP. THESE, CONFIDENTIAL

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HE CONTENDED, SHOULD NOT BE IN EITHER A BILATERAL OR A TRILATERAL BASIS. THEY SHOULD SOMEHOW TAKE PLACE UNDER THE "COVER" (HIS TERM) OF GENEVA. THIS WILL MAKE THEM MORE DEFENSIBLE IN ARAB EYES. THE SYRIANS AND PALESTINIANS MAY OR MAY NOT DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE, BUT THEIR REFUSAL TO DO SO WHEN OFFERED UNDER A GENEVA UMBRELLA WILL BE LESS DAMAGING TO SADAT AND EGYPT'S ROLE THAN HOLDING FOLLOW-ON NEGOTIATIONS IN A BILATERAL OR TRILATERAL CONTEXT.

5. FAHMY INDICATED THAT HE HOPES TO VISIT THE U.S. IN SEPTEMBER, BUT WAS EVASIVE ON THE AEGIS UNDER WHICH SUCH A TRIP MIGHT BE MADE. EILTS

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